

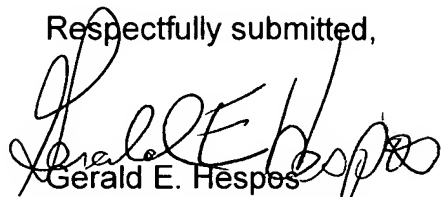
## **REMARKS**

The above-identified application was filed with thirty-six (36) pages of text and thirteen (13) sheets of drawings to present FIGS. 1-15. The drawings that were referred to as FIG. 4 in the specification were actually presented on two separate pages that were identified respectively as FIG. 4A and FIG. 4B. It was the assumption of Japanese counsel who prepared this application that the shorthand reference to FIG. 4 would be understood as a reference to the two sheets labeled FIG. 4A and FIG. 4B. Apparently, however, the shorthand reference to FIG. 4 caused confusion in the Initial Patent Examination Division. It is believed that this Preliminary Amendment should overcome any confusion so that the application can be accepted as being complete as filed.

This Preliminary Amendment also is submitted with a new Application Data Sheet to clarify the city of residence for the respective inventors. In particular, the Declaration filed with this application accurately identified both the city of residence and the mailing address for each named inventor. The Application Data Sheet filed with the application identified the mailing address but did not identify any city of residence. The scanning apparatus employed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office apparently assumes that the city of the mailing address on the Application Data Sheet also is the city of residence if no separate city of residence is presented on the application data sheet. The attached Application Data Sheet accurately presents both the city of residence and the mailing address for each named inventor in conformance with the information on the original Declaration. Please have the correct city of residence information presented

on the updated filing receipt that presumably will issue in the very near future.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald E. Hespos", written over the printed name.

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